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In re Application of:

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**ANDREW J. FISCHER** 

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### COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

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The indication in the Notice of Allowance mailed 30 March 2006 that Claims 19-21 and 25-42 of the subject Application, have been allowed, is noted with appreciation. However, the Applicants would like to comment on the Examiner's statement of reasons for allowance.

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#### **REMARKS**:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.104, the Applicants respectfully issue a statement commenting on the Examiner's reasons for allowance. The Applicants respectfully disagree with the Examiner's reasons for allowance to the extent that they are inconsistent with applicable case law, statutes, and regulations. Furthermore, the Applicants do not admit to any characterization or limitation of the claims, particularly any that are inconsistent with the language of the claims considered in their entirety and including all of their constituent limitations, or to any characterization of a reference by the Examiner.

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